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1. [] On Saturday, 23 October, I received a call from Colonel Frank Burdell, DOD/ISA, concerning provisions in the Foreign Assistance Act (H. R. 9910) having to do with the use of advisors in Cambodia and the payments of salaries to foreign forces in Cambodia. After talking with [] FE Division, I told Colonel Burdell that our involvement in Cambodia was quite small and I was not sure we had any problems with these sections as such but told him I planned to get the bill and report (which were released on Saturday) and look them over more closely.

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2. [] Made arrangements with Alex Schnee, Congressional Relations Office of State Department, to obtain a copy of H. R. 9910 as reported by the Foreign Relations Committee and of the Committee report (92-404). This bill is scheduled as the pending business before the Senate on Tuesday, 26 October. Copies of these were run off and made available to Messrs. Houston, [] and John Clarke for their review.

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3. [] At a meeting chaired by Mr. Maury and attended by Messrs. Houston, [] Clarke, [] and [] the various sections of the Foreign Assistance Act were reviewed and a consensus reached concerning them for Mr. Maury's guidance in attending a Legislative Interdepartmental Group meeting in the White House Tuesday morning.

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4. [] Contact was made with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding the general impact upon the Agency of the Senate amendments to H. R. 9910. Particular reference was made to Section 405(b) of the bill which would make the State Department responsible for keeping the Foreign Relations Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee "fully and currently informed" regarding the activities of all departments and agencies. It would require those agencies to provide any information requested by either of these Committees concerning their activities and responsibilities. Braswell said he thought Senator Stennis would be willing to take issue with the jurisdictional aspects of the bill and suggested we provide the staff with backup material for this purpose and those papers are being prepared.

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25X1 5. [] John Lehman, of the White House staff, called to say there would be a LIG meeting Tuesday, 26 October, at 0900 at the White House [] and he was sending 25X1 over papers.

25X1 6. [] On Saturday, 23 October, I called General Haig, of the White House, to register our concern about a number of amendments to the Foreign Aid bill which had been reported out by the Foreign Relations Committee. Haig agreed with my suggestion that this matter be taken up at the LIG meeting scheduled for 26 October and said I should work out details with Colonel Kennedy of the White House staff.

Later I discussed the problem with Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire who said they were planning a meeting on the same subject Tuesday morning with Clark MacGregor at the White House. I suggested this meeting might be merged with the LIG meeting where General Haig had planned to take the subject up.

25X1 7. [] Called Colonel Kennedy, in the White House, and recommended that the meeting with MacGregor and the LIG meeting be merged, to which Kennedy agreed and said he would arrange accordingly.

25X1 8. [] Alex Schnee, State Department, queried us regarding the applicability of Sections 402, 408, and 409 of H.R. 9910. He said he understood that John Marks, of Senator Case's staff, had drafted these sections to have a direct effect on Agency activities. I told Mr. Schnee that the impact of these sections was still unclear but we were checking on them.

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9. [] John Lehman, of the White House staff, called to determine those sections of the bill which were of particular concern to the Agency. I told him that we were concerned about a number of sections of the bill as were other members of the Executive Branch, but we had special problems with Section 405(b) concerning responsibilities of departments and agencies with respect to the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees and with Section 655 which applied to Cambodia, the amendment previously placed in the Military Procurement Act by Symington establishing a ceiling on operations in Laos. It developed that Lehman did not have a copy of the bill as reported out or of the Committee report and copies of these documents were forwarded to him.

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